

# Gang Accused of Torture By Ex-Marine They Rejected

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A 21-year-old former Marine corporal testified yesterday at a hearing that he was tortured for five hours last April by members of the Pagans motorcycle gang, which he had tried unsuccessfully to join.

Richard R. Zimmerman told Fairfax County Court Judge Donald Crouse that he was hung by his wrists from a rafter, stripped of his clothing and beaten, cut and burned.

The ordeal occurred during a drinking party at the Lorton home of a Pagans member with 15 people present, he said. Afterwards, he was left in the care of one of them.

At the time, Zimmerman was stationed at Quantico Marine Base, but moved to

Chicago after being discharged in June.

He was hospitalized at Quantico overnight after the incident.

Judge Crouse ordered that three men identified as Pagans be held for grand jury action Sept. 16 on a charge of "malicious wounding." They were released on \$10,000 bond each.

One of the defendants is Aurin Dale Little, 24, of 7290 79th ave., Landover, Md., known as "Little Jesus." He was acquitted of a murder charge in Prince George's County last January.

Also held were Larry W. Grubbs, 22, of 2200 Mohegan dr., Falls Church, and William K. Harris, 46, of 2712 Wiley dr., Lorton.

The Judge dismissed charges against two other men because of insufficient evidence.

Zimmerman said he had associated with the Pagans for almost a year but was denied membership and the right to wear "Pagans' colors" because he did not have a motorcycle. "Colors" were described as a Levi jacket with the gang's name emblazoned on the back.

He said he was attacked because his assailants thought he had talked to the police about Pagans' activities. He denied he did so.

Lawyers for the defendants tried to show that Zimmerman was participating in a gang initiation rite. They also said he continued to associate with the Pagans even though they had beaten him less severely three months earlier.